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COMMUNICATION REGARDING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request modification of their claim of small entity status. The above-referenced application was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on 1 November 1999. The initial filing included an executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. The establishment of small entity status and the submission of a reduced filing fee were done in good faith.

Applicants have subsequently become aware that they were not entitled to claim small entity status upon filing. Therefore, Applicants withdraw their claim for small entity status.

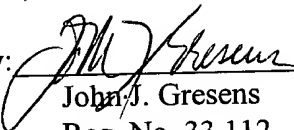
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(3)(c), Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$682.00 for payment of the deficiency between what was paid as the initial filing fee and what is due. Applicant requests that all U.S. Patent Office records heretofore reflect their status as a large entity.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving issues arising from submission of this communication, please contact the Applicant's attorney-of-record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112) at 612.371.5265.

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